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REMARKS

Claims 1 through 77 are currently pending in the application and subject to an Election of Species Restriction Requirement.

Five species of invention have been identified in the Office Action:

Species I: claim 1 through 24, directed to a method for singulating one semiconductor die;

Species II: 25 through 43, directed to a method for singulating one semiconductor die, comprising depositing a protective layer over a portion of an active surface of a semiconductor wafer; cutting through the semiconductor wafer with one laser beam having a beam narrow than a width of one channel, which are not recited in claims 1 through 24.

Species III: claims 44 through 47, directed to an apparatus for singulating one semiconductor die;

Species IV: claims 48 through 58, directed to a method for singulating one semiconductor die, comprising defining a pattern grid and forming a plurality of cuts having a second width less than a first width through a semiconductor wafer, which are not recited in claims 1 through 43; and

Species V: claims 59 through 77, directed to a method of singulating a wafer scale assembly.

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute the species of invention identified as Species I in the Office Action, and as set forth in claims 1 through 24, illustrated in drawing Figs. 1 through 6.

Applicant requests an action on the merits of claims 1 through 24.

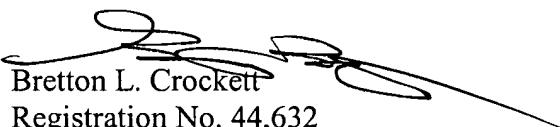
Previously Submitted Information Disclosure Statement

Please note that an Information Disclosure Statement was filed in the above-referenced

application on March 10, 2004, but that an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 that accompanied that Information Disclosure Statement has not yet been returned to the undersigned attorney. It is respectfully requested that the information cited in the Information Disclosure Statement and listed on the Form PTO/SB/08A be considered and made of record in the above-referenced application and that an initialed copy of the Form PTO/SB/08A evidencing such consideration be returned to the undersigned attorney.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that each of claims 1 through 24 be considered on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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